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Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

Bottled Water and the Damage Done: Coping With Plastic Pollution

By Adam Allington

Bottled water beats out soda as the best-selling U.S. beverage, but that popularity spotlights the environmental costs of so many plastic bottles being used once and then tossed aside.

Kuraray America Chemicals Plant Blast Draws Safety Probe (1)

By Sam Pearson

Federal investigators are heading to Pasadena, Texas, to look into an explosion at a specialty chemicals plant that injured 21 workers.

Supreme Court Will Look at Virginia Ban on Uranium Mining

By Bernie Pazanowski

Virginia's ban on conventional uranium mining is about to come under the U.S. Supreme Court's microscope.

Environmental Suit Against IFC Gets High Court Review

By Patrick L. Gregory

A group of Indian nationals could get another chance to sue the International Finance Corporation over a power plant project's alleged environmental harm, after the U.S. Supreme Court granted review today.

Two Puerto Rican Islands Can Test the Future of Microgrids

By Rebecca Kern

A 30-kilowatt solar farm powered by Windmar PV and Tesla-donated batteries is powering the waste treatment plant in Culebra, a small island located approximately 17 miles east of Puerto Rico. It could be a model for the future.

Canadian Diplomats Under Scrutiny in Anti-Mining Activist's Death

By James Munson

What are the responsibilities of diplomatic staff when they know an environmental activist is in danger overseas?

TODAY'S NEWS

DTE, Consumers Energy Promise Clean Power to Dodge Ballot Measure

By Alex Ebert

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy, Michigan's two largest utilities, must file plans over the next year to massively increase renewable energy and efficiency as part of a deal to stave off a 30 percent renewable energy ballot initiative.

World Trade, Safety at Risk from New Ship Fuel Rule, Shippers Say

By Alaric Nightingale

A group representing the vast majority of the world's ship owners said world trade is at risk if issues surrounding new fuel rules aren't resolved quickly, providing the starkest warning yet as to the potential impact of regulations that are due to enter into force in less than two years' time.

New York Ports Need Upgrades to Handle Offshore Wind Industry

By Bobby Magill

New York will have to modify some of its ports from Albany to eastern Long Island and create a new wind turbine manufacturing industry for the state to meet its 2030 offshore wind power targets.

Efficient Cars, Not Electric Cars, Will Be Worse for Oil

By Heesu Lee

Oil demand is set to face an even bigger threat from fuel-efficient engines than from electric vehicles over the next two decades, according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

Threat of Cobalt Supply Shock Is Top Risk for Electric Vehicles

By David Stringer and Martin Ritchie

A burgeoning risk of a supply crunch in cobalt—a critical battery metal that's more than tripled in price in two years—poses one of the biggest threats to forecasts for rising electric vehicle adoption.

Cambridge University Urged to Divest Most Polluting Fossil Fuels

By Anna Hirtenstein

An official Cambridge University panel urged the school's 6.3 billion-pound (\$8.45 billion) endowment fund to divest itself from the most polluting fossil fuels.

Clothes May Be Caught in UK Curbs on Ocean-Polluting Plastics

By Jessica Shankleman

U.K. Chancellor Philip Hammond is being urged to start taxing clothes made from polyester and nylon as he seeks to stop harmful plastics filling the world's oceans.

Gas Guzzlers Set to Fade as China Sparks Surge for Electric Cars

By Bloomberg News

The century-long dominance of gasoline-engine cars will sputter in coming decades as incentivized Chinese buyers and more-efficient manufacturers combine to put electric vehicles atop the sales leader board.

Zombie Companies Funding Toxic Cleanups

By Peter Hayes

The cleanup of contaminated properties can become much more expensive when companies responsible for some, if not most, of the pollution have long since been dissolved.

PRACTITIONER INSIGHTS

Practitioner Insights: EPA's Flawed 'Secret Science' Plan Puts Good Science at Risk

On April 30, EPA proposed a far-reaching set of restrictions on its use of scientific data to support regulatory action to protect human health. The EPA proposal is flawed and misconceived. In the name of "transparency," it will burden EPA scientists with unnecessary and costly procedures that run counter to the Agency's long-standing obligation to base public health

decisions on the best available science, according to Bob Sussman, a former EPA attorney now with Safer Chemicals Healthy Families.

FRIDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Relief From Emissions Limits Could Mean More Agency Spending

By Abby Smith and Rebecca Kern

Federal agencies no longer have to meet comprehensive Obama-era greenhouse gas, energy conservation, and renewable electricity targets—and that could mean fewer dollars saved, efficiency advocates said.

Uranium Contamination Found in Washington State Wells

By Paul Shukovsky

Domestic wells showing high levels of uranium in a rural corner of Washington state highlight the need for broader testing to protect public health, a U.S. Geological Survey study said.

Water Bill Could Flow Quickly Through the House

By David Schultz

The House's biennial water resources bill is designed to move quickly through the chamber, with lawmakers omitting controversial provisions that could have held it up, according to water industry observers.

Norway Looking for Carbon Capture Storage Site, Outside Investors

By Marcus Hoy

Norway has named its preferred location for what could become the world's first full-scale carbon capture and storage site, but this may be irrelevant in the long term if funding issues aren't first resolved.

Trump Taps Advanced Energy Agency Head to Lead Office of Science

By Rebecca Kern

The Trump administration named Christopher Fall, now head of the Energy Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, to be the director of the agency's Office of Science, according to a May 18 announcement.

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